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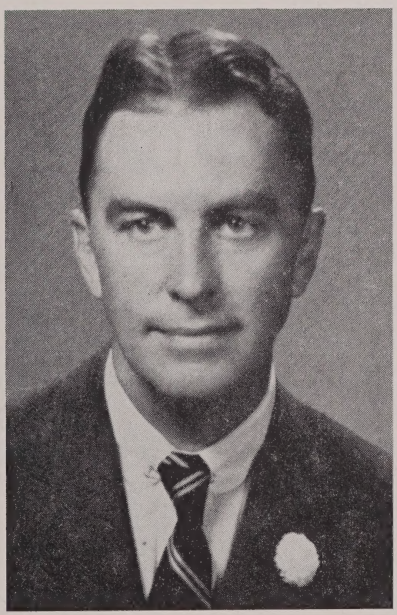

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John A. Burke, M. D.

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THE HAMPDEN HIPPOCRAT, MAY, 1959

EDITORIAL

ANNUAL MEETING - 1959

The two principal ingredients of the standard annual meeting are: (1) Annual Reports, and (2) Election of Officers. It is safe to state that in both categories we scored quite satisfactorily at our own recent Annual Meeting.

(1) **ANNUAL REPORTS.** All the reports of our committees and officers appear in the April and May issues of the Hippocrat. These are well deserving of close scrutiny and consideration. They not only record eloquently Hampden's activities during the past 12 months, but also reflect vividly a job well done by a large number of conscientious and hard-working committee men. Most of all they focus attention on some of the more pressing problems confronting our Society today, and suggest ways and means of solving them as promptly and as expeditiously as possible.

But committee reports are of but little value unless they are translated into action. What good is it to learn the sad news about the Chiropractic Act unless it leads to even greater effort in our fight against quackery? What good is it for our Legislative Councilor to battle the ignominious Drug Act unless we support him with deed and with action? Similar questions can be raised with reference to Blue Shield, to Labor, to Insurance, to Compensation and to a host of other yet unresolved problems. If past performance is any criterion our Society will undoubtedly waste no time in putting into action all the approved recommendations of its committees and its officers.

(2) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Although the election of John Burke was a foregone conclusion, it is nevertheless gratifying that he is now firmly established in his new office as President of Hampden District Medical So-

ciety. He comes to us well prepared, and with a long record of loyal and competent service in the interest of organized medicine. The same is true of our newly-elected Vice President, Al Palermo, who is equally well qualified for the task ahead of him. Al will undoubtedly utilize to good advantage the coming year, preparing himself earnestly for the "Chieftain's" job, which he is almost certain to inherit. As to the reelection of Secretary Memery, the least we can do is to quote retiring President Reilly who stated in his Annual Report that "A special Oscar goes to Dr. Harry Memery, who in his first year as Secretary proved himself capable, dependable, and in fact indispensable." And last but not least there is our old standby, Treasurer Howard Brown, who as far as we know has been surpassed by no one save perhaps Alexander Hamilton.

This is indeed a fine slate of officers, well deserving of our whole-hearted support and co-operation, without which success of any administration is virtually impossible.

M.M.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE HAMPDEN DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY

April, 1959

The Auxiliary, under the able presidency of Mrs. Elmer Franseen, has had an active and productive year. She has conferred by phone and letter with the Advisory Committee throughout the year.

The most outstanding, but by no means only, activity was in the interest of nurse recruitment, and raising money for deserving and outstanding girls. The White Cap Banquet benefitted the scholarship fund in the amount of $1551. This spring 225 high school girls were entertained at recruitment teas and tours of the Mercy, Holyoke and Providence Hospitals. For the first time interested girls in the fields allied to medicine other than nursing also participated. As evidence of the careful choice of candidates all 14 recipients of last year's grants were capped recently.

Other Auxiliary activities include raising $97 by special and memorial gifts for the American Medical Associations Educational Fund. $30 of this was given in the name of this medical society as a tribute on Doctor's Day. They took active interest in support of or opposition to bills relating to medicine. They arranged for publicity for Doctor's Day and distributed 500 posters for this society's TV series.

The Auxiliary, as always, has attempted to further friendship among doctor's families in this district. Not all wives are active or interested, but this year they welcomed 25 new members.

I doubt that too many members present are aware of the many ways this organization supports and supplements the work of our society. But it is a very definite factor in the harmonious relationships and functionings of Hampden District.

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PLACE: Statler Hilton Hotel, Boston

In addition to many scientific papers and exhibits the following Special Features will take place:

PANEL HEARING BY OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY
(To answer your questions concerning the Society)

ANNUAL DISCOURSE

MOCK TRIAL

THE SHATTUCK LECTURE

GOLF TOURNAMENT

COCKTAIL PARTY AND ANNUAL DINNER

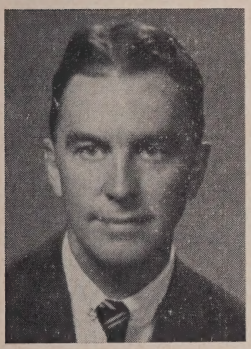
THE KEOGH-SIMPSON BILL

The "Self-Employed Individuals' Retirement Act", otherwise known as the Keogh-Simpson Bill, has passed the House of Representatives in Washington. It now goes to the Senate Finance Committee. The battle is expected to be long and difficult.

Write immediately to your Senators urging them to vote in favor of this Bill. The address is Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. Your Senators are:

Honorable John F. Kennedy
Honorable Leverett Saltonstall

President's Page



Inaugural Remarks

At the outset of my year in office, I would like to thank the members of Hampden District for the honor they have bestowed upon me in electing me as President of the Society.

As is ever the case, we have our share of problems, as physicians practicing in these changing times. Some of these problems are chronic ones, and some are relatively new, some are National and some are peculiar to Hampden District.

As an example of the latter, we have the recurrent problem of maintaining liaison with the newspapers of the area. We have found, in the past, that non-aggression pacts with the fourth estate are very easily arranged, but very ephemeral when the newsmen need a headline. Periodically we are the target for bad publicity, usually for alleged failure to provide the public with round-the-clock coverage.

Another local problem is the present effort by veterans organizations to enlarge the scope of the Holyoke Soldiers Home to provide full staff facilities on week-ends.

A third area of strife, this at the state level, involves the increasing annual zeal with which the disciples of chiropractic assault the golden citadel on Beacon Hill with demands for state licensure. A particularly distressing feature of this situation is the fact that the leader of the chiropractic cause in the Legislature is a local man, Sen. Thompson of Ludlow.

In another vital area, our Committee on Insurance and Labor Relations has spent a tremendous amount of time meeting with representatives of organized labor and insurance underwriters. Our committeemen who have worked so long on this problem, feel that some sort of unit system, relative value scale or average fee schedule is bound to come in the near future. They feel that whether the medical profession or a third party sets these fees will be determined solely by whether or not we act first.

It is problems such as these which face all of us in the year ahead. Periodically I will be commenting on them in this page. Your officers will do everything we can to represent your interests, but may I remind you that we must know how you feel, and your opinions are of value only if you express them to the Executive Committee or to your Councilors.

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Finally, in accord with the expressed feeling of the members, we shall continue our policy of straight business meetings, starting promptly, and finishing almost always before 10 P. M. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

John A. Burke, M. D.

STATISCALLY SPEAKING

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Myles H. Illingsworth	Lawrence A. Putnam
Louis A. Izenstein	Thomas F. Reilly
Allen S. Johnson	H. Bernard Tillman

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Legislative Councilor: Theodore R. Minor

Committee on Nominations (State):
Lawrence A. Putnam
Thomas F. Reilly, Alternate

Executive Committee (District Society):
Ralph T. Miller
George Corcoran, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward P. Bagg, M. D.
Chairman

JOHNSON AND O'MALLEY ELECTED

Following the Annual Meeting the Councilors-elect of the District Society met and elected Dr. Allen S. Johnson a member of the Executive Committee of the State Society. Dr. Robert D. O'Malley, Holyoke, was elected as his alternate. Their term of office is three years.

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A symposium on hypertension will be televised from the Cleveland Clinic on May 27th to twenty-five closed circuit locations throughout the country. At 9 p. m. EDT that evening, physicians are invited to be present while leaders in the field of hypertension: Drs. Harriet P. Dustan, Edward D. Freis, Irvine H. Page, Samuel H. Proger, and Robert W. Wilkins who will gather at this leading center for cardiovascular research, consider the problems of several patients who will be presented to them. The problems will illustrate practical aspects of hypertension which the physician is likely to encounter in his day to day practice.

Announcements of this program, sponsored by CIBA TV CLINICAL SYMPOSIA, will be posted on hospital bulletin boards, in medical schools, etc. A list of nearby cities, viewing places, and local times is given below. All physicians and medical students are invited to attend.

Boston, 9:00 P.M., Somerset Hotel, Louis XIV Ballroom

New York, 9:00 P.M., Hunter College of the City of N.Y., Assembly Hall

Philadelphia, 9:00 P.M., Town Hall, Auditorium

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting held at Crestview Country Club, Agawam . . . Dinner is chicken with all the fixings . . . Attendance sets new record, 230 . . . Letter is read from Dr. Rachemann, Boston, urging support of Mass. Medical Benevolent Society . . . Reports received from Advisory Committee to the Auxiliary, and Mental Health Committee (See elsewhere) . . . Treasurer's report shows need for booster shot . . . Dues, on his recommendation, are raised from $10 to $15 . . . Motion to rescind resolution of Feb. meeting calling for repeal of Drug Act is defeated . . . Westover Directory and Guide is disapproved insofar as it pertains to District Society . . . Resolution opposing the inclusion of chiropodists in Blue Shield is adopted . . . Report of Nominating Committee is approved unanimously . . . Retiring President Reilly thanks officers, committees, and Fellows for support received during past year . . . He introduces President Burke who delivers shortest inaugural on record . . . meeting adjourns 10:15.

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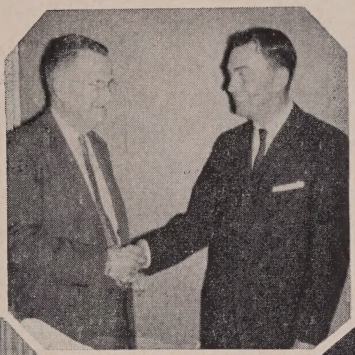


President Burke Takes Over

Listening to Proceedings

Left to right: Drs. Sam Feldman, John Tate, Dick Scott, Ed Rewinski, and John Sullivan.

President Burke

Vice-president Palermo

The New Team

Photos by Dr. Ayres

MORTALITY AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASE IN SPRINGFIELD

An unofficial analysis of death certificates of Springfield residents for the year 1958 revealed that a total of 1,565 persons died with the crude death rate being roughly 9.3 per 1,000 population. Unfortunately these figures do no include Springfield resident deaths occurring outside of the City.

The ten leading causes of death were:

Deaths of Springfield Residents 1958

1.	Diseases of the heart	660
2.	Neoplasms	243
3.	Cerebrovascular lesions	206
4.	Pneumonia (all types)	114
5.	Accidents	66
6.	Diseases of early infancy	57
7.	Diseases of skin and cellular tissue	57
8.	Diseases of circulatory system	26
9.	Cirrhosis of the liver	17
10.	Suicides	17
	Other Causes	102
	TOTAL	1,565

Deaths from heart disease lead the list with 42%; next was cancer with 15%; third was cerebrovascular accidents with 13.2%; and fourth was pneumonia with 7.3%. There was only one maternal death. Approximately 72% of the deaths were amongst those sixty years and above with males predominating over females in the ratio of 1.29 to 1. These figures point up the fact that the major health problem in Springfield insofar as deaths are concerned is chronic disease with diseases of the cardiovascular system predominating. A disturbing feature is the appearance of suicides in the ten leading causes of death.

Deaths from infectious diseases were quite low:

Deaths of Springfield Residents from Infectious Diseases 1958

1.	Pneumonia	114
2.	Meningococcal infections	3
3.	Tuberculosis	2

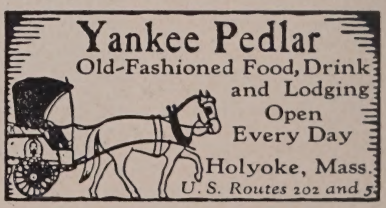
Only five deaths were due to diseases considered to be officially dangerous to the public health; moreover, most of the pneumonia deaths were a terminal insult superimposed upon some other prolonged strength sapping disease process.

The reported cases of infectious diseases were:

Reported Communicable Diseases in Springfield 1958

Chickenpox	224
Bacillary dysentery	1
Encephalitis	1
German Measles	323
Gonorrhea	130
Hepatitis, infectious	23
Measles	530
Meningitis	13
Mumps	76
Salmonella	62
Scarlet Fever	369
Syphilis	174
Tuberculosis	60
Whooping Cough	62

There were no cases of polio, and except for whooping cough, there were no cases of any communicable diseases for which there are effective immuniz-



ing agents.

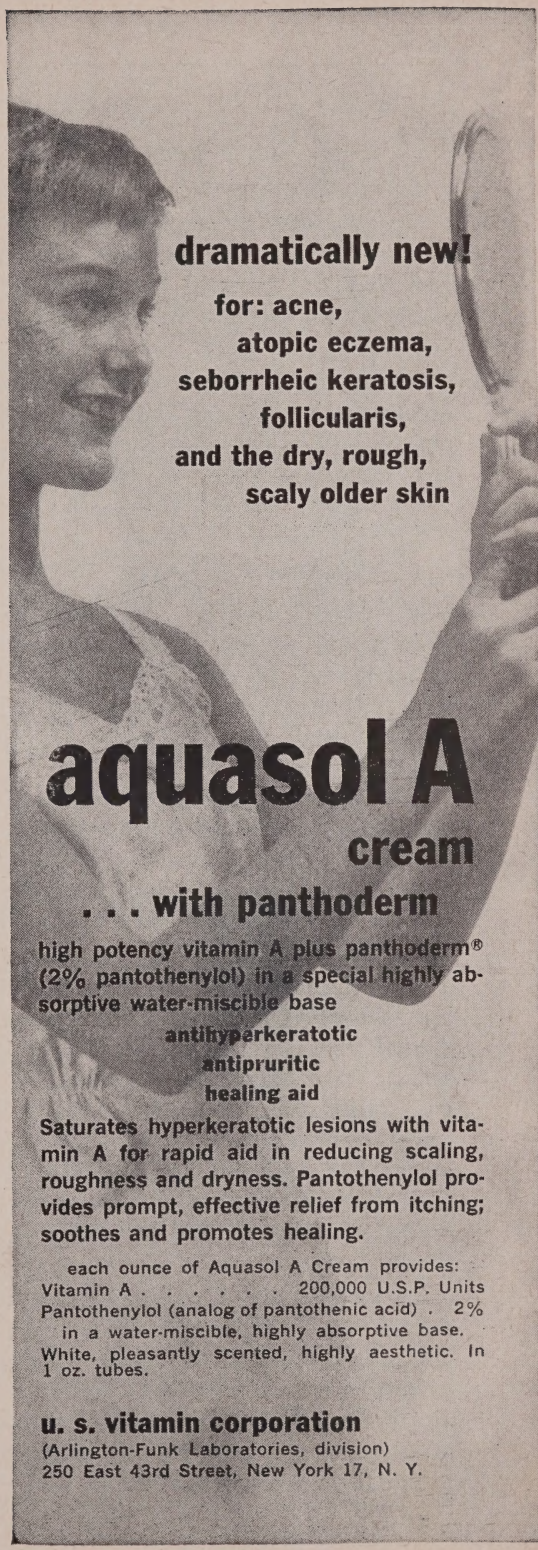
Chronic diseases, particularly those affecting the cardiovascular system, are the major health problem in Springfield as of the moment. However, infectious diseases are still with us, and they did account for 7.6% of the deaths in 1958. In spite of miracle drugs, pneumonia was still the fourth leading cause of death. In spite of the challenge of chronic disease, we must still be constantly alert to the danger of infectious diseases.

John C. Ayres, M. D.
Commissioner of Public Health,
Springfield

MISSILE AGE HOSPITAL FOR SAN ANTONIO

The Texas Defense and Disaster Relief Headquarters, in the February issue of its *Texas Defense Digest,* reports that the Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital will have in addition to its five stories above ground a survival complex of two additional floors below ground. The hospital is scheduled for completion in 1961. The part below ground will be constructed of reinforced concrete and will be designed to withstand any disaster. It will also be almost self-sufficient with its own power plant, underground water wells and food stocks. Other advanced features include a helioport where emergency patients can be flown by helicopter service; a closed-circuit TV system which will keep the nurse in contact with each patient; tele-thermometers capable of taking the patient's temperature from a distance; an electron beam generator which will disinfect virtually everything touched by human hands; and radar ranges to cook a full course meal by microwaves in 45 seconds. The new hospital is approved by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

Civil Defense Review
April, 1959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Frederic Hagler, M.D.

Concepts In Aging

Dear Hippocrat:

A special session on new concepts in aging will be held during the annual convention of the American Medical Association in Atlantic City, June 8-12.

This one-day session, to which all physicians are invited, will be held in Room C of the convention hall at 9 A. M. Wednesday, June 10, under auspices of the A.M.A. Committee on Aging.

Keynoting the session will be a series of panels devoted to Diseases Among the Aged, Nutritional Counseling, Promoting Physical Fitness, and Motivating the Older Person. Panel members will include among others Drs. David B. Allman, Leland S. McKittrick, Edward C. Reifenstein, Irving S. Wright,, and Frederick J. Stare.

These nationally recognized authorities in their fields will cover such points as 1) special treatment aspects of cardiovascular, neoplastic and bone diseases among the aged, 2) effects of adequate nutrition on rehabilitation potential for older patients, 3) variables in prescribing a physical activity program for the older individual and 4) the effects of physical health, social adjustment and psychological functioning on motivation in the older person. Each panel presentation will be followed by a discussion period in which the primary interests of the audience will be explored and important ideas summarized.

Physicians planning to attend the session are invited to send questions or points they would like to see discussed to the Committee on Aging, A.M.A., 535 North Dearborn, Chicago 10, Illinois. Queries should be received at A.M.A. headquarters not later than Wednesday, May 27.

Committee on Aging
A.M.A.

COMING EVENTS

Council Meeting (Boston) May 18.

MMS Annual Meeting, May 19, 20 and 21.

AMA Convention, June 8 - 12, Atlantic City.

American College of Chest Physicians, Atlantic City, June 3 - 7, 1959.

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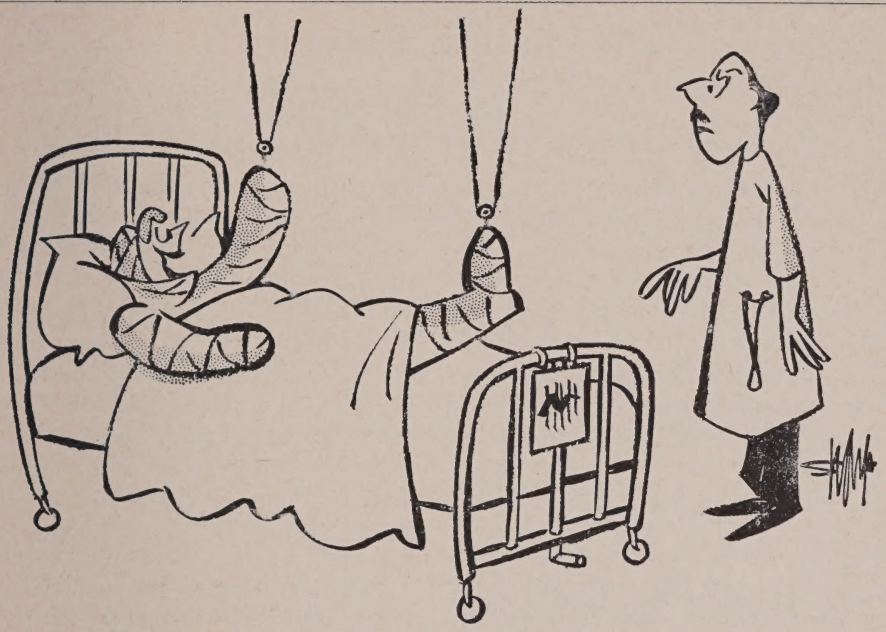

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ANNUAL REPORT
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MEDICAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
April, 1959

The Statistical analysis of the functions of the Emergency Medical Service shows a favorable and ever downward trend in the number of appeals made to and handled by the Service. This has been due to the persistent efforts to educate the public to have a "family doctor of their own", and to the continued rigid screening of the "non-emergency" calls and the so called, "referred cases". However, there are some disquieting undertones observed from the analysis of the behaviour of our own members, who, while assenting to the theoretical need of such a service, attempt to sidestep individual participation in the program in the spirit in which it was fostered.

This is manifest in the still high percentage of substitutes on the dates assigned; in the failure to provide adequate substitutes on the dates assigned, altho rosters are issued months ahead of time; or in making themselves "unavailable" to their own practice and failing to provide adequate coverage during this period of unavailability. There is likewise a widespread and deep-rooted feeling among many that there is no moral obligation on their part to attend this "doctorless class of patients".

These observations and comments by individual members of the Society has led to the conclusion that perhaps this service can be administered by an alternate method, and that perhaps the functions of the Emergency Medical Service can be absorbed into a teaching service of any one of our Hospitals.

It is thus recommended that a Study Committee be appointed to investigate all the facts of such a plan—such as arrangement, cost, administration, liason, facilities, etc., and to report such findings by the second meeting of the 1959-1960 season.

One basic concept of Medical Philosophy was challenged during the year with resultant bad publicity and this aspect of responsibility of payment of fees probably should be discussed at greater lengths by the Society in the future. While no one should be denied medical attention, still the patients must be informed that **this is not a Free Service.** Fees should be the usual charges and collection made in the usual manner.

Mention should be made here that the Physicians and Surgeons Telephone Exchange has been persuaded to continue to administer the Service and that its personnel should be commended upon its faithful, courteous, and efficient accomplishment of its duties.

Peter S. Zarecki, Jr., M. D.
Chairman

DR. MURRAY APPOINTED

Mayor Thomas J. O'Connor of Springfield appointed recently Dr. Martin B. Murray member of the Public Health Council.

He replaces Dr. George A. Vassos who resigned from the Council to accept appointment to the Board of Trustees to the Springfield Municipal Hospital.

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AUXILIARY DOINGS

The annual luncheon meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Hampden District Medical Society was held at the Crestview Country Club Tuesday, April 14th. Mrs. Elmer F. Franseen, Springfield, retiring president, was given three Brownie Camperships, and a parchment scroll, signed by the members of the Executive Board, in recognition of her outstanding leadership. The following Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee, were elected:

President, Mrs. Arthur E. Gramse, Longmeadow; President-Elect Mrs. Harry A. Baker, Holyoke; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Charles D'Avanzo, Longmeadow; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Harry N. Memery, Longmeadow; Treasurer, Mrs. Edward F. Caruso, Longmeadow; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Charles A. Diamond, West Springfield. Directors: Mrs. Elmer F. Franseen, Springfield; Mrs. Leonard S. Jagoda, East Longmeadow; and Mrs. James J. Visconti, West Springfield. Nominating Committee: Chairman, Mrs. Harry L. Strachan, Springfield (Delegate to the state Nominating Committee); Mrs. Walter Mozden, West Springfield (Alternate to the state Nominating Committee); Mrs. J. W. Morgan, West Springfield; Mrs. Meron Nakashian, Ludlow and Mrs. Frank Mills, Westfield.

Committee Chairmen appointed by President Gramse were as follows:

A.M.E.F., Mrs. Edwin J. Gillis, Westfield; Community Services, Mrs. Walter Mozden, West Springfield; Co-Chairmen: Civil Defense, Mrs. George Orlansky, Palmer; Health & Science Fairs, Mrs. Harry J. Corwin, East Longmeadow; Health Education, Mrs. Adrian Delerzan, Southwick; Speaker's Bureau, Mrs. William M. Davis, Longmeadow; Finance, Mrs. Leon Kruger, Longmeadow; Health Careers Recruitment, Mrs. R. V. Waugh, Jr., Wilbraham; Co-Chairman (Hospital Tours), Mrs. Edgar Fleury, Holyoke; History and Necrology, Mrs. Myles H. Illingsworth, Springfield; Hospitality, Mrs. John Maloney, Springfield; Legislation, Mrs. Carroll Bryant, Springfield; Membership, Mrs. Harry A. Baker, Holyoke; Mental Health, Mrs. Lawrence V. Selden, Longmeadow; Nursing Scholarships, Mrs. Aloysius A. Bloniarz, Springfield; Program, Mrs. Benjamin Barton, Longmeadow; Publicity, Mrs. Stanley R. Dixon, Longmeadow; Telephone, Mrs. Harry G. Tapp, Longmeadow; Today's Health, Mrs. Field C. Leonard, Springfield; Ways and Means, Mrs. Setrag A. Zacarian; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Elmer F. Franseen; Auditor, Mrs. Thomas F. Reilly.

Delegates for the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Massachusetts Medical Society are:

Mrs. Elmer F. Franseen, Springfield; Mrs. Arthur E. Gramse, Longmeadow; Mrs. William J. Devlin, Springfield; Mrs. Martin F. Gaynor, Indian Orchard; Mrs. Leslie Parent, West Springfield, Mrs. Walter Mozden, West Springfield; Mrs. O. J. Menard, Longmeadow; Mrs. Harry A. Baker, Holyoke; Mrs. Azel P. Barney, Longmeadow; Mrs. Roger H. Cheney, Springfield; Mrs. Charles A. Diamond, West Springfield; Mrs. Thomas F. Reilly, Springfield; Mrs. Aloysius A. Bloniarz, Springfield; Mrs. Edward J. Farrarone, Springfield.

OFFICERS OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Arthur Gramse, third from right, is the 1959-60 president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Hampden District Medical Society. Also elected were, left to right, Mrs. Charles D'Avanzo, recording secretary; Mrs. Harry Baker, president-elect for 1960-61 and Mrs. Harry N. Memery, corresponding secretary. At right of Mrs. Gramse, are Mrs. Edward F. Caruso, treasurer, and Mrs. Charles A. Diamond, assistant treasurer.

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ANNUAL REPORT MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Committee on Mental Health of the Hampden District Medical Society has held four meetings during the year. The composition of the Committee recently changed, with two new members being substituted for two old members who were unable to attend the meetings.

The philosophy of function of the Committee has not changed basically during the year. We are primarily concerned with the Mental Health of the Community and to this end, have continued in our efforts to improve existing Mental Health services, concurrently attempting to ascertain the interests and wishes of the members of the District Society insofar as they relate to Mental Health activities.

Among the issues considered this past year, the two most important were:

1. Education in Psychiatry for physicians in general medicine
2. The current controversy relating to psychologists practicing psychotherapy even though, perhaps, at variance with Medical Practice Acts in various states

The AMA Committee on Mental Health has done considerable research and discussion on the need for providing General Practitioners with an orientation in Psychiatry, and is trying to secure grants from the National Institute on Mental Health with which to provide general medical men with special training in the field of Psychiatry. There is a nationwide awareness of the need for more participation in Mental Health problems by men in all branches of medicine but particularly those in general practice.

Several of the New York hospitals, and many elsewhere, have been very successful in this program in Psychiatry designed for men in general practice. Smith, Kline & French underwrote a psychiatric program for General Practitioners, a program that was sponsored by the New Jersey Society of Psychiatry. The State Mental Health Committee of the Massachusetts Medical Society also has plans for presenting such a program.

Your Mental Health Committee recommends that a similar program be undertaken here, with the sponsorship of the District Society.

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ter given serious consideration by the Mental Health Committee relates to an aggressive campaign being waged by Clinical Psychologists in which they resolutely state their intent to defeat amendments to basic science or Medical Practice Acts sponsored by any medical society that would restrict the role and practice of psychology. They have demonstrated beyond a doubt their determination to establish themselves as being capable of treating patients independently of medical supervision.

The Committee on Relations with Psychology, of the American Psychiatric Association, has formulated four statements for which your local Committee earnestly requests your attention and consideration:

1. Reaffirmation of the statement, "Psychotherapy is a form of medical treatment and does not form the basis of a separate profession." The psychological and physical components of an illness cannot be separated in diagnosis and treatment.
2. It is imperative that all psychologists dealing with persons suffering from mental and nervous diseases and disorders should do so only under supervision by psychiatrists and in a medical setting offering adequate safeguards to the patient.
3. Any legislation for certification of psychologists should be examined carefully to see if it provides for control by the State Board of Medical Examiners or a comparable State Medical Authority.
4. To date, no certification law introduced, or passed, contains adequate medical safeguards, and in view of the October, 1958 declaration of the American Psychological Association, medical practice acts must be carefully reviewed at state levels by psychiatrists working together with the State Medical Society.

Your local Committee recommends that the Hampden District Medical Society go on record, along with the State Committee, as approving these four points. It further recommends that the Secretaries of the other District Societies in the Commonwealth be so notified.

The need for more psychiatric service still exists in the area, and the Committee concurs in the conviction that Western Massachusetts should have a proportionate share of psychotherapeutic resources commensurate with those allocated by the Commonwealth to the Eastern section of the State. It is recommended that our Senators and Representatives be apprised of the inadequacy of our psychiatric resources—this in the hope that they may succeed in effecting, to some extent, a more equitable distribution of funds available for psychiatric service.

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IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE:

That Dr. Fred Harold Allen, Holyoke, will receive a FIFTY-YEAR MEMBER AWARD at the coming Annual Meeting of the State Society.

That overweight occurs nearly twice as frequently among men in the white population but is more prevalent in women among non-white persons.

That a MOCK TRIAL will be presented by the Massachusetts Bar Association at the Annual Meeting of the State Society on Tuesday, May 19th, 3:30 to 5:30 P. M.

That the Mercy Hospital enjoys three father-son combinations on its medical staff. They are: Eugene W. Beauchamp, Sr. and Jr.; Cyril E. Shea, Sr. and Jr.; George B. Corcoran, Sr. and Jr., and also young Joseph M. Corcoran.

That the average physician is 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 173 pounds, is 44 years old, works 54 hours a week, takes 2½ weeks vacations per year, has had 1 illness during the past 5 years, and his last physical examination was 18 months ago.

That a two-day convention on management and prevention of ski injuries was held in Pittsfield, February 19 and 20, under sponsorship of the Berkshire District Medical Society and regional committee of the American College of Surgeons.

CIVIL DEFENSE

You are cordially invited to attend the SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL MEDICAL CIVIL DEFENSE CONFERENCE which will be held June 6, 1959 - Atlantic City, N. J. American Room - Traymore Hotel Sponsored by COUNCIL ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AM. MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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Frank W. Barton
Secretary, AMA

A. C. P.

The following Hampden District members attended the recent convention of the American College of Physicians held in Chicago April 20 to 24: Drs. Wayne C. Barnes, Walter W. Byrnes, Mendel Mazer, Max Millman, James Z. Naurison, Samuel F. Potsubay and Jules R. Setnor.

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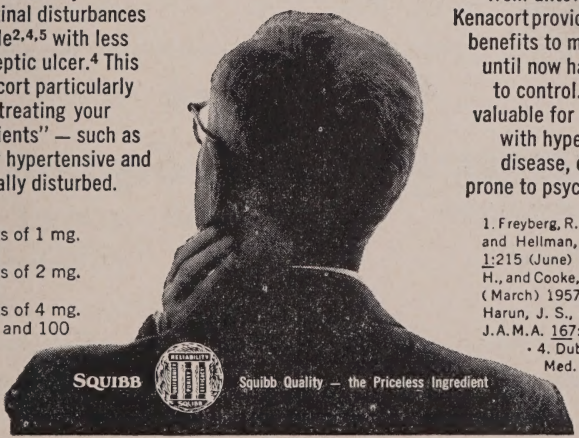

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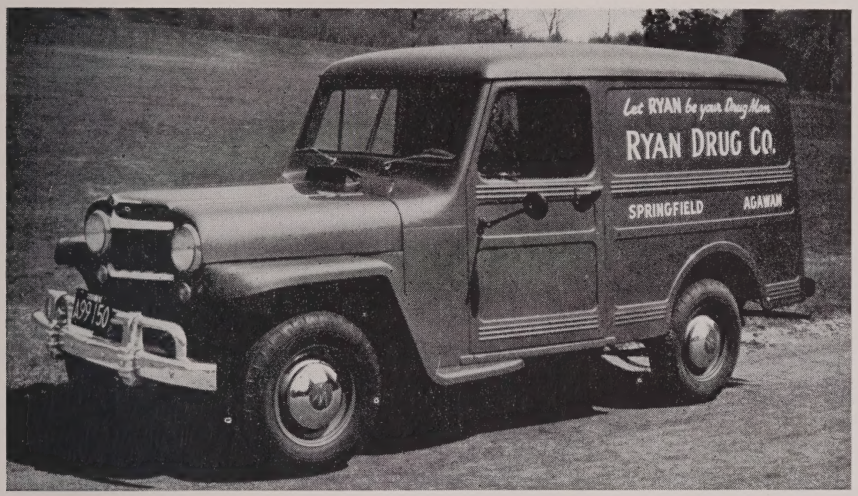

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